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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: SYRIAN OFFICIALS'S VIEWS ON NON-
ALIGNED SUMMIT

1. DURING JULY 26 DISCUSSION WITH CHARGE, FONMIN DIRECTOR
OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS KAYLANI SAID THAT SYRIAN DELEGA-
TION TO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE HAD NOT YET BEEN
SELECTED AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE UNTIL LAST MINUTE.
KAYLANI SAID HE EXPECTED TO BE MEMBER OF DELEGATION.

2. NEW MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS:

KAYLANI SAID NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP WAS A FOREGONE
CONCLUSION. WHEN CHARGE MENTIONED NORTH KOREA'S DEFENSE
PACTS WITH USSR AND PRC, HE SAID CUBAN, ALGERIAN AND
VIETNAMESE INFLUENCE ON THIS ISSUE WAS VERY STRONG.

HE ALSO OPINED THAT NON-ALIGED MOVEMENT SEEMED TO BE
EVOLVING FROM LIMITED POLITICAL DEFINITION OF NON-ALGNMENT
TO BROADER BASIS OF "THE NEW DEVELOPING WORLD."
THE TREND, HE SAID, WAS ALSO AWAY FROM THE U.S. TOWARD
SOCIALIST BLOC. U.S., HE SAID, OFTEN MADE MISTAKE OF
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TRYING TO TREAT ISSUES ON NARROW LEGALISTIC OR POLITICAL

GROUND WHICH DID NOT ADEQUATELY RECOGNIZE BROAD
EMOTIONAL CONCURRENCE OF INTEREST OF THE HAVE-NOT PEOPLES.

3. KAYLANI SAID THA ADMISSION OF ROMANIA AS AN OBSERVER
WAS POSING PROBLEMS. IF ROMANIA WERE ADMITTED, NON-
ALIGNED MOVEMENT COULD NOT REFUSE FUTURE APPLICATIONS
FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS TURKEY, IRAN AND PAKISTAN FOR
SIMILAR STATUS:

4. COMMENT:

ASSUMING KAYLANI WILL BE ON SYRIAN DELEGATION,
HE WILL PROBABLY BE ITS MOST APPROACHABLE AND FORTHCOMING
MEMBER FROM POINT OF VIEW OF POSSIBLE CONTACT BY EMBASSY
COLOMBO OFFICERS CONVERING CONFERENCE. AS SYRIA'S FORMER
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN, HE IS FULLY FAMILIAR
WITH THE ISSUES. HE ALSO SPEAKS FLUENT ELNGLISH AND
FRENCH.
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